

## Saving Green with Green Spaces



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### Washoe County Regional Parks & Open Space

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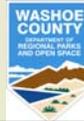
## Our Mission...

To provide exceptional parks, open space  
and recreational opportunities while preserving  
our natural, historical and cultural resources.



### Washoe County Manages: 12,000+ Total Acres

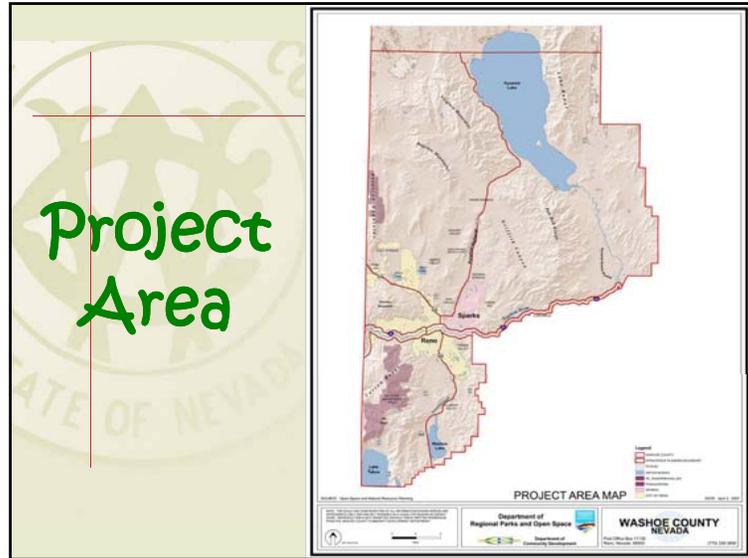
- ❑ 10,132 acres of open space
- ❑ 1,868 developed acres
  - 35 community parks
  - 12 regional parks
  - 2 special use parks
  - 14 independent trailheads
  - 152 miles of trail
  - 67 athletic fields
  - 17 community buildings
- ❑ \$6.5 million in grants & donations
- ❑ 80 projects administered (\$29 million)
- ❑ 3.85 million visitors at regional parks in 2009 (1.05 m)
- ❑ Volunteer efforts (15,661.50 hours estimated)
  - Adopt a Park Program (33 contracts)



WASHOE COUNTY REGIONAL  
Open Space &  
Natural Resource  
Management Plan  
June 24, 2008

**NATIONAL AWARD  
WINNER!**

**NACO  
County Planning Award**  
Trust for Public Land - NACO  
Medium County Leadership Conservation Award



# Project Area

# The Plan's Vision

- The region's open spaces and natural resources will be:
- **Valued** for their recreation, scenic, wildlife and cultural attributes.
- **Recognized** for their contribution to the quality of life enjoyed by those who live, work and visit this area.
- **Preserved, enhanced** and **managed** by the region's planning partners through mutually-beneficial and effective relationships.

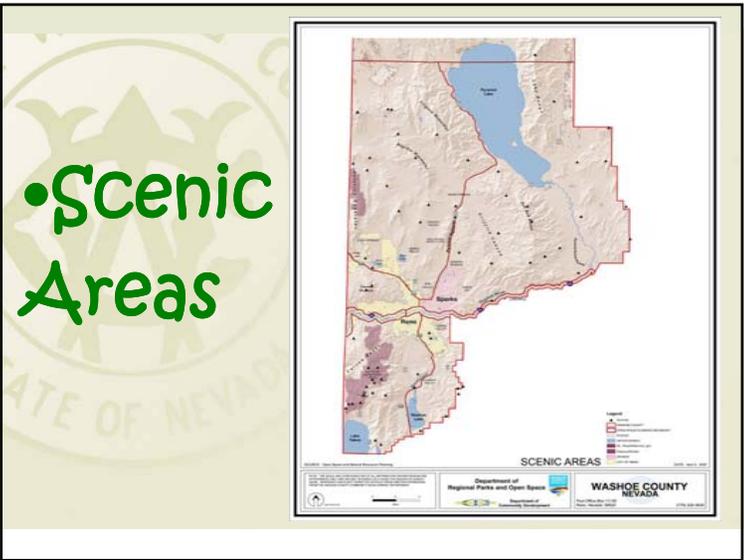
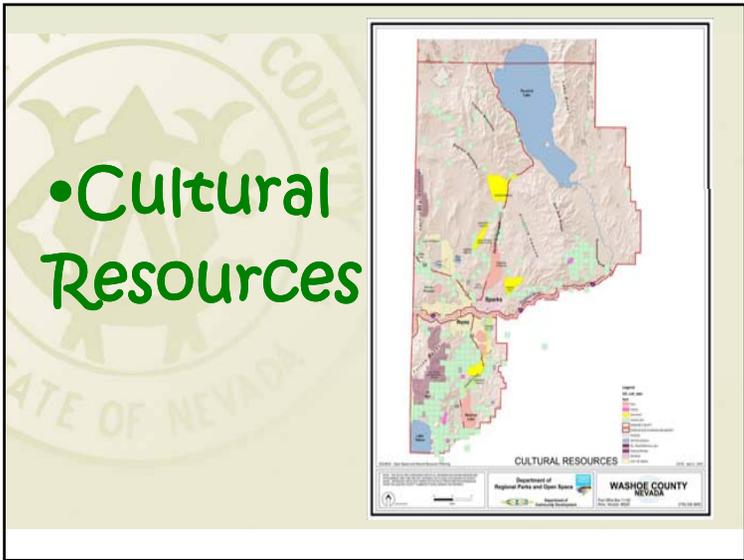
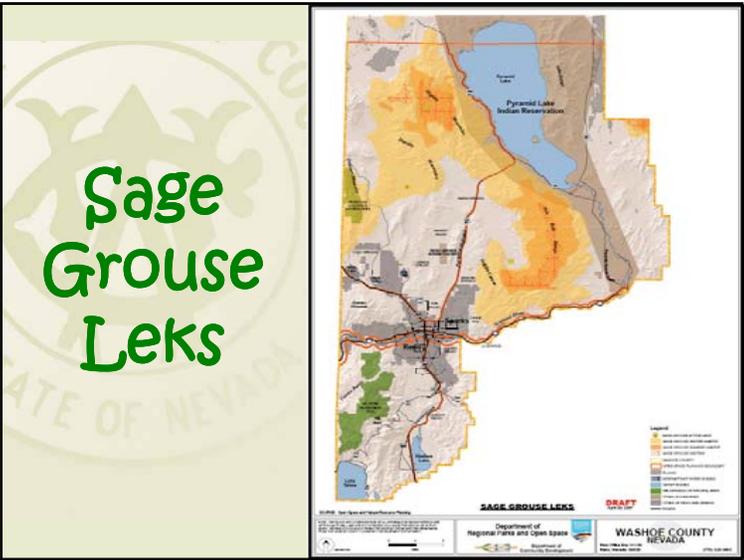
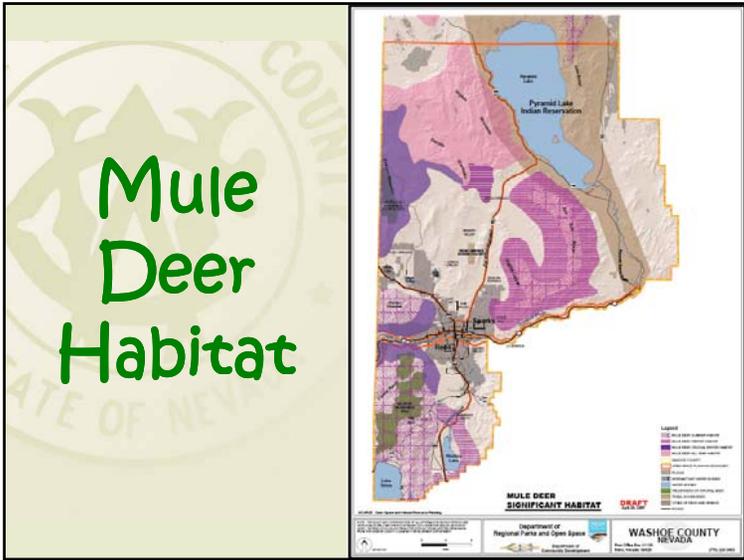
# Planning Principles and Goals

## Six Key Resource Categories

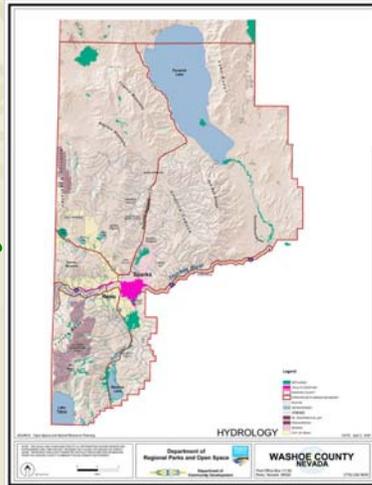
- ❖ Biodiversity
- ❖ Cultural & Sensitive Lands
- ❖ Parks, Trails and Connections
- ❖ Visual and Scenic Character
- ❖ Water Resources
- ❖ Natural Hazards



- ❖ Preserve and acquire water rights to support healthy fish and wildlife populations.
- ❖ Provide sufficient water resources to support natural functions of open space.
- ❖ Acquire and restore critical habitats
- ❖ Protect and where possible re-establish migration corridors.
- ❖ Coordinate and partner to implement and fund region-wide fuels management.
- ❖ Integrated regional open space with flood management where appropriate.
- ❖ Provide incentives to private developers for protection of cultural resources.
- ❖ Ensure continued tribal access to areas used for cultural purposes
- ❖ Leverage existing infrastructure opportunities for regional trail corridors and connections.



# •Water Resources



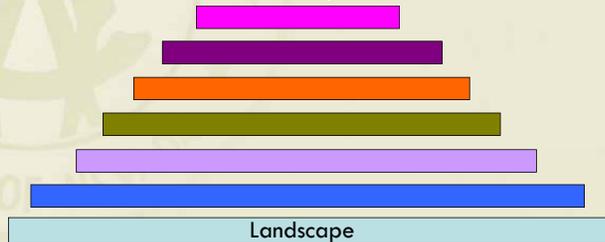
## How do we value the land?

Goal: Identify the lands with the most benefits from each category.



## All of the Data is Valued and Assembled

Find where the most values exist in one place



## And generate mapping of values...

